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A GRAND OPENING

By PETE GUTSCENRITTER
CHIEF REPORTER

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EDITOR

As the cannons were lit, and AC/DC's "Thunderstruck" was played over the public address system, it was time for Bearcat football. Only this year, the backdrop was a brand new press box, executive suites and chairback and railback seats at Rickenbrode Stadium. "Unbelievable," said Ryan Miller, 2003 graduate and former Bearcat football player. "It's great to play in front of big crowds, but to play in front of a sound system like that, it makes you even more motivated," he said.

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Stadium impresses everyone

Miller said he would have loved to step on the field during Saturday's game to feel the energy.

"For all of the opposing teams that come in here to play in front of a crowd like this, it would make it even tougher (for them to win)."

Even though Northwest squeaked out a 23-16 victory Saturday, President Dean Hubbard couldn't help but be in awe of the renovated stadium.

"My goodness," gasped Hubbard, who sat in the Hubbard-Booth Presidents' suite. "It's marvelous."

"You couldn't ever imagine something like this," Hubbard said as he looked on during the third quarter of Saturday's game. "No Division II school has ever imagined this and some Division I schools haven't imagined something like this. (The renovation) symbolizes the willingness of our alumni to contribute and it keeps getting better and better."

In addition to the ten private suites, all 307 chairback suites and 180 railback suites were sold out. But as the students piled into the dampened Rickenbrode, they couldn't help but notice the Jumbotron scoreboard.

"I think the scoreboard is

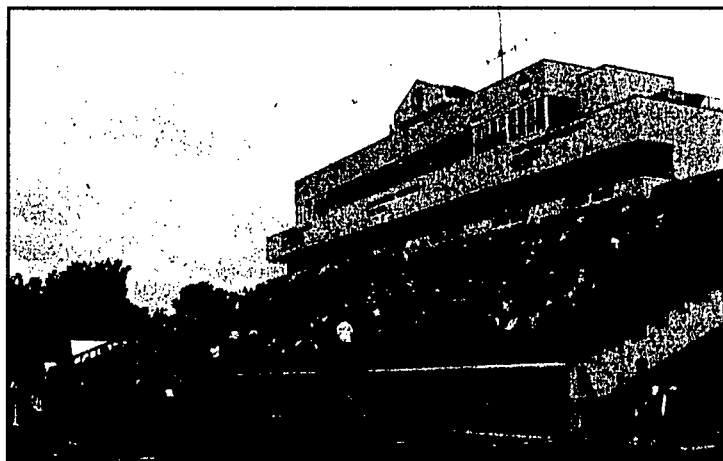


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The west side of Rickenbrode Stadium was unveiled Saturday afternoon in front of 7,100 people. The renovations began last May and wrapped up Friday.

awesome," said Lauren Skoch, Pre-Medicine major. "I like the paw on top of the press box, too."

The jumbotron featured different sights and sounds, including "Intruder Alert," "The Great Escape," and "Where's Bobby Bearcat?"

Before the Bearcats kicked off to Minnesota State-Mankato, Bobby Bearcat stormed through campus in hopes of catching the Maverick helmet, bringing the fans to their feet.

"The thing that jumped out the most to me was the jumbotron," said Ben

McMillen, Political Science major. "And I think the new press box really adds a lot to the atmosphere."

"I think (the new stadium) will help recruiting," McMillen added. "Especially with people who are deciding between D-I and D-II schools."

And even though there were some empty seats, Hubbard predicts that will change soon.

"This place will have people lining up around the gates before too long," he said.

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Hanging around...



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Stephanie Trester and Lauren Stuart hang main stage lights in Mary Linn Auditorium for "Voice of the Prairie." Theatre practicum students are required to work two-to-three hours per week.

Campaign receives \$10 million donation

By BILL KNUST
EDITOR IN CHIEF

While the rain clouds turned the skies dark outside the J.W. Jones Student Union, the mood was sunny on the inside.

That is because on Saturday Northwest President Dean Hubbard announced an anonymous donation of \$10 million towards The Campaign for Northwest.

"Some do not want other organizations they work with to

feel slighted," Hubbard said. "Some want to maintain a low-profile lifestyle, but regardless of what the reason is, one theme permeates. Although they don't want their identities to be known, they do want others to know of their deep commitment to this institution. And their desire to make an impact on society at Northwest and what it stands for."

The donation was only the second ever to exceed eight figures to a college or university in the state of Missouri, Hubbard said.

The gift will go towards providing more scholarships to Northwest, and pushes the total money raised for scholarships to a little less than \$16.45 million. The original goal was \$4 million.

Raising \$50 million was not out of the question to Campaign chairperson Dick Leet.

"You will recall that when I was here when we launched the Campaign and the \$21 million for the 21st century that I speculated even \$50 million wasn't out of the question," Leet said in a recorded statement. "Many of you thought that was far out, maybe impossible. Now that we have passed \$30 million, does \$50 million sound so far out with four years to go? We're not finished."

Hubbard was happy with the current donations Northwest has received so far.

"Obviously some people thought \$21 million would be a stretch for our first campaign," Hubbard said. "Obviously, we underestimated the commitment, the dedication and the wherewithal of the Bearcat donors. Our campaign total today exceeds \$31.5 million."

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Subtitled greats for dummies

Let me go on the record right now that I am not one of those pretentious film buffs that automatically like a movie because a) it was made prior to 1970; b) it's in black and white; or c) it has subtitles. On that last item, let me just say that I usually agree with those folks who say, "If I wanted to read, I'd stay home with a book." That said, if I recommend a movie with subtitles, then you know it must be darn good.

Well, I've got three for you this week and as well as a few we can call "foreign" even though they're in English (we can at least pretend to be cool then).

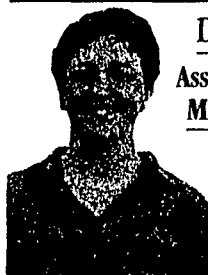
(Availability: MG = Movie Gallery; MM = Movie Magic)

First off is "Run, Lola, Run." This suspense flick starring Franka Potente (Matt Damon's gal pal on the run in "The Bourne Identity") tells the story of Lola who has only 20 min-

utes to save her boyfriend who's in big trouble after losing a big wad of cash that wasn't his. While the German language isn't the easiest on the ears, the story is a roller coaster ride with three different versions of "what-ifs" that will leave you guessing (and holding your breath) until the end. I just loved this movie, and Potente is all European hipness, a definite appeal for the college crowd. Uber-cool! (MG, MM)

My next pick, "Indochine" is the foreign film for all those romantics out there. The 1992 Academy Award winner for Best Foreign Language film, "Indochine" tells the story of a wealthy plantation family caught up in the communist uprising in the country that would become Vietnam. Okay, that sounded a little too much like a studio promo. How about this "Indochine" is the tragic

When 200 Channels isn't Enough



DR. JODY STRAUCH
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love story of a handsome (and I do mean handsome) young French Navy officer torn between a beautiful, wealthy woman and her adopted Vietnamese daughter. Do I have your attention now? Catherine Deneuve is all French, pent-up sensuality, and Vincent Perez's stunning good looks will distract you from the subtitles most of the time (but you won't mind a bit). For those saps among us who love nothing better than a

tragic love story of epic proportions, this is a must-see. (MM)

If you get a taste for Vincent Perez after watching this film, let me recommend a couple more — "Talk of Angels" and "Swept from the Sea." Let me just say I'm a huge fan of this Swiss actor (his father's Spanish, his mother German); I've seen him in three films and he's spoken four languages so far — French, Spanish, Russian and English, of course. He sounded (and looked) good in all four!

"Talk of Angels" (MG) is mostly in English with only a sprinkling of Spanish here and there (with subtitles). It's the story of an Irish girl who comes to Spain to find adventure as a governess with a wealthy family and finds that adventure in the form of her employer's son. The romance is subtle and mostly implied, but isn't

that what makes it all the sweeter?

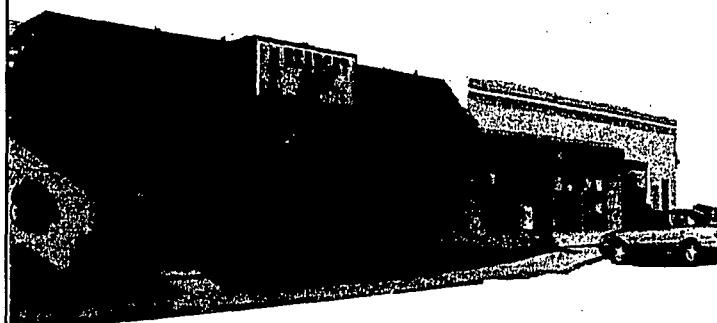
"Swept from the Sea" (MM) is the weaker of the Perez films I've seen so far. I thought it tried a bit too hard in its gothic strangeness, and Rachel Weisz ("The Mummy," "About a Boy") and Perez just don't seem to click. On top of that, the gorgeous Perez is hidden behind shaggy hair and facial hair for the most part, but he's still the highlight of this love story.

I don't suppose I could write a complete column on films with subtitles without also mentioning "Life is Beautiful" (seeing as that's the last of the only three subtitled movies I've ever made it through). It goes without saying that if you haven't seen "Life is Beautiful" yet, then you must if for no other reason than to call yourself a true movie aficionado. Directed by, co-written by and starring Roberto Benigni, this is the story of a man who uses humor to help his son survive the mental torture of a Nazi death camp. Some movies will make you laugh, then make you cry. In this one, you will find yourself crying because you're laughing. A bit heart wrenching but truly a great film. And good news, Movie Magic has it in both subtitled and in English versions! (MG, MM)

Now, if you're still not convinced about movies with subtitles but have the urge to impress your friends with a "foreign" film, might I suggest a nice Australian film: "Rabbit Proof Fence" starring no one we've ever heard of (except Kenneth Branagh in a smaller part). However, the three aboriginal girls who make their debut in "Rabbit Proof Fence" will steal your heart, and the story of racial prejudice will make you angry. Based on a true story, the three girls trek over 1500 miles back to their mother after being forcefully removed by the government, in a policy that looked to place half-caste children in white families. I highly recommend renting the DVD so you can watch the "making of" documentary which is just about as fascinating as the film itself. (MG, MM)

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Reviewer thinks Crowell is brilliant on newest piece

By SEAN COMER
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Approximately ten minutes into Rodney Crowell's latest album, *Fate's Right Hand*, it will more or less go without saying that Crowell may very well be one of the most gifted artists to never receive a spectacular degree of mainstream praise.

Such a distinction is enough to leave anyone who has ever heard Crowell scratching his or her head, perhaps even more so because of what he has accomplished with little fanfare in his career. The ex-husband of Roseanne Cash—yes, that makes him Johnny Cash's son-in-law—can also include playing guitar for Emmylou Harris's backing band, singing a duet of "I Walk The Line" with his famous father-in-law and having a song—"Please Remember Me"—covered by mainstream uber-star Tim McGraw on his résumé. However, a handful of albums into his career, Crowell has somehow missed out on a great deal of the mainstream notoriety and respect he deserves.

As it is not unusual for any artist to do, Crowell has crafted a personal, touching, beautiful set of eleven songs late in his career. This album finds Crowell middle-aged, introspective and, at times, perplexed and disheartened by the world changing around him. The program opens gently with the steadfast "Still Learning How To Fly," in which Crowell is at first uncertain but in the end hopeful and somewhat satisfied with the overall course his life has taken and continues to take. However, he wastes no time taking his songs to a whole new place after that.

"Fate's Right Hand" is his defiant, confused, shaking-fist-at-the-natural-change-of-the-times-around-him anthem. Crowell seems to be channeling Tom Petty and maybe even Johnny Cash himself as he lets fly his anger and frustration at Kenneth Starr, a ridiculous surplus of cable news networks and the overall ridiculous state of society. The ultimate re-

sult is that he taps into the middle-aged-and-crazy in all of us when he sings "Fate's right hand/I don't understand."

It also proves to be one of the rare moments when Crowell looks beyond his own soul to offer his opinion on what the rest of us are up to. Crowell also vents his confusions in "It's A Different World Now," where we find a more lamenting Crowell looking for some answer as to how it all went so far downhill.

As a whole, the album is one man's personal opera. Rodney Crowell runs the gamut from hopefulness to anger, confusion and a touch of sadness and regret at the misdeeds it's far too late for him to undo. Anyone who

doesn't shed at least a tear or two over the heartfelt "Adam's Song"—easily the most touching, soul-wrenching ballad since Johnny

Cash's incredible performance of "Hurt"—should receive an X-ray to make certain there is indeed still a heart there beating.

The instrumentals of each song are brilliant in their simplicity. Crowell never once lets excess production or instrumentation take center stage. Instead, he opts for a stripped-down, low-key, intimate sound to match the soul-baring openness of his lyrics. The bass used on any song is scarcely noticeable. The drums don't even begin on "Still Learning How To Fly" until after the first verse and chorus. As a bonus, both Kim Richey and banjo virtuoso and former Dave Matthews collaborator Bela Fleck contribute some wonderful guest spots, though they do so respectfully and inconspicuously. Richey's vocal assist on the inner-conflict song "The Man in Me" is particularly well done.

Here's hoping Rodney never decides that mainstream recognition is a top priority. Who knows just what the music world could lose in the process.



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ASK HOLLYWOOD

Kevin Spacey gets 'heartburn'

Q: Can I get the mailing address for Kevin Spacey? I think he is a great actor. How long has he been around in movies? — C.G., Azusa, Calif.



KEVIN SPACEY

A: Spacey's first film role was as a subway thief in the 1986 movie "Heartburn." You can write to him at 151 El Camino Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90212.

Q: Where can I send for a picture of Sharon Lawrence? I've seen her on the Lifetime channel, and she resembles my lovely daughter-in-law, who has no idea who Lawrence is. — L.F., Mena, Ark.

A: You can buy a photo from any store that sells celebrity memorabilia, or you can try to get one for free by writing to Lawrence at P.O. Box 462048, Los Angeles, CA 90046. Be sure to include a self-addressed, stamped envelope big enough to hold at least an 8-inch-by-10-inch photo.

Q: I hope you can help me with a problem that everyone in the Los Angeles metropolitan area has. Every listing for the Sci-Fi Channel is incorrect in the TV Guide, the Los Angeles Times and the Pasadena Star News. All of the publications listed above have East Coast times, not West Coast times. — L.F.,

Q: I would like to know where to get a copy of the movie "The Goonies II." My son has "The Goonies" on tape, and I would love to get a copy of "The Goonies II" for him. — D.F., Autryville, N.C.

A: "The Goonies II" is not a movie, but a video game released in 1987 for the 8-bit Nintendo Entertainment System.

Nintendo is no longer selling games for this system, but you can get it dirt cheap on eBay (www.ebay.com). You might also have luck finding it at garage sales and flea markets.

(Send your questions to Ask Holly Wood, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y. 10016. Because of the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.)

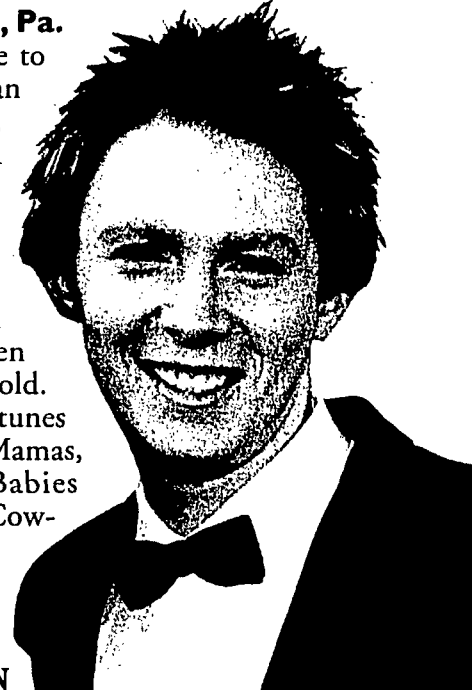
Altadena, Calif.

A: You can try writing to those publications and explaining the problem, but the easiest solution might be to calculate the difference in your head while you're checking out the listings. If you have Internet access, you can go to TV Guide's Web site at www.tvguide.com. The site provides listings organized by zip code, so the times zones are accurate.

Q: I would like to know where I can write to Clay Aiken, from "American Idol." — C.F., Everson, Pa.

A: You can write to Aiken c/o American Idol, P.O. Box 900, Beverly Hills, CA 90213.

TRIVIA: According to his mom, Clay Aiken began singing when he was just 3 years old. One of his favorite tunes at the time was "Mamas, Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up to Be Cowboys."



CLAY AIKEN

Doomed sorority rush provides a new view on Greek Life

First of all, let me start by saying this: I never once thought about joining a sorority.

I spent my freshman year at the University of Missouri-Columbia, where I only saw girls fitting in with the sorority stereotype. You know, the girls who are all bubbly and air-headed, the kind that we see pictured in movies like "Animal House," "Legally Blonde," and "Revenge of the Nerds." However, the transfer opened my eyes to the chance that not all sororities are like that, and perhaps I would fit in with the Greeks of Northwest.

When I first decided to give Greek life a chance, I decided on rushing, and only rushing. My mind was still 50/50 whether or not I would actually join if I had the shot. Many of my family members said that I had a great shot of getting in, including my aunt who joined a specific sorority that shall remain nameless.

It was at the first recruitment meeting that I almost immediately knew that joining would not be easy. Even as I walked in, I felt so out of place.

The girls around me were dressed in their Abercrombie & Fitch best, and there I was, wearing a thrift-store denim jacket and pinstriped green pants, complete with a gargoye pendant choker. Still, I didn't feel too uncomfortable around the other girls.

Overall, I was very impressed by the sororities. I spent the first two days in parties, meeting girls from every sorority. Of course, it wasn't exactly a party; I would sit with one of the girls, talking about what I was like, what I did in high school, what I liked to do for fun, why I wanted to rush, and the list goes on. I was calm and pleasant, smiling as much as I could without causing permanent damage to my face. Some of the sororities I did not feel comfortable around, and some I really enjoyed, but by the end of the second day, I felt that perhaps I had what it took to join the Greek system.

That's when it happened. The night of the second parties, while I was checking my e-mail, I received a call

My View



ALEXIS HEJNA
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from my Gamma Chi leader. She informed me that I had not received a single invitation back to any of the parties for the next day. I hung up the phone and calmly erased the letter I was sending to my grandmother about how excited I was to join a sorority.

Getting dropped by all six sororities, while shocking and slightly painful, was not the end of the world for me. I already had joined a few other clubs and was making tons of friends. Despite the disappointment that none

of the sororities were interested in my membership, I shrugged with a simple "OK, no big deal."

However, I realized that even though I didn't have any problem with it, I knew that other girls on campus would. It didn't take long for me to realize that many girls, mostly freshmen, had been dropped by all six as well. While I had my other activities to fall back on, they didn't.

I pictured a girl coming to Northwest, no friends here and very shy. She decides to rush for a sorority in hopes of making new friends and developing her social skills. After all, that's what Greek life is all about. Then, she's dropped for one reason or another. This girl was planning on getting into a sorority, and now that plan has failed. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out just what this does to her self-esteem.

This got me thinking about the whole selection process and how I felt

being crammed into those meeting rooms, being watched over and graded on how I interacted with the other girls on campus. One of my Gamma Chis told me that I would first be dropped if I didn't have decent grades, and then I would be dropped on how I acted around the other sorority girls. Well, I have a sneaking suspicion that it wasn't my grades that got me dropped.

I felt as though I was expected to act like someone I wasn't, like I had to behave in a certain way...in *their* way, to be accepted into the sorority. Had I offended them by being myself? Was I considered "unfit" to join because I hadn't put on a show? Then again, did I really want to hang around people like that? Call me crazy, but I can't possibly be the only girl who felt this way during the parties.

I don't condone the Greek system, nor do I feel that sororities are "stupid" and "stereotypical." However, I feel that the selection process should be worked on and tweaked. It feels great for the girls who do get in, but those of us that are rejected feel left out in the cold.

THE VILLAGE IDIOT

Yak cheese proves to be more than 'interesting' and 'different'

By JIM MULLEN
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

Charlie and Beverly invited us over for a backyard barbecue. Hamburgers and hot dogs, potato salad and coleslaw — just the ticket for the end of summer. Well, for the end of my summer. The ticket for the end of Charlie and Beverly's summer was rubbed

salmon steak, sliced heirloom tomatoes, basil and goat cheese canapes dashed with olive oil and balsamic vinegar, and served with freshly baked wedges of focaccia. He had "discovered a charming little pinotage wine from South Africa," which his wife Beverly was serving from a rolling cart on their patio. On the cart were eight kinds of exotic cheeses and six different kinds of olives

she had brought up from the city. "Go ahead," she said. "Try the green moldy Yak cheese. It's from Uzbekistan."

Charlie said he got into food after he moved to the city. His job allowed him to eat in fancy restaurants and then he'd try to make the same thing for himself at home. After he bought an apartment, his parents would stay with him when they came to visit. Sometimes he'd

cook for them and sometimes they'd go to fancy restaurants. And after Charlie married Beverly, his parents would still come and Charlie would do all the cooking — sea bass on a bed of wilted arugula, veal in white wine sauce with capers, mussels cooked in the shell on a hot black skillet.

"That's interesting," his father would usually say. "That was different," his

mother would chime in.

One night Charlie and Beverly went to see a singer they both knew perform in a cabaret. After the show, they went backstage and Charlie told the woman how much he enjoyed her performance. Beverly told her it was so interesting, so different.

"So you liked her?" Charlie asked on the way home.

"She was horrible," said Beverly.

"But you told her she was so interesting, so different?"

"Yes. That's what you say when you don't want to tell somebody to their face that you hated it."

"That's silly. My mom and dad always say my food is different and interesting and they don't hate it."

"Yes, they do," said Beverly. "They're just being polite."

So the next time his parents visit, Charlie goes all out and makes wilted endive, leg of spring lamb with couscous made from mint scented water, followed by a Catalonian flan covered with white chocolate flakes with a dash of raspberry liqueur.

"That's interesting," said his father.

"It was very interesting," said his mother. "Quite different."

"You hated it," said Charlie.

"Hate is such a strong word," his mother said. "Your father and I aren't really spring lamb people. You're such a wonderful cook. Why don't I give you my recipe for chicken ala king and tuna casserole? You could make it the next time we come."

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Service Experiences

Two Northwest students learn to survive in the Middle East while serving their country.

By BETSY LEE
FEATURES EDITOR

"I guarantee the worst place in America is better than the best place over here."

When Alan Hargreaves left Maryville to serve his country in Saudi Arabia, he didn't know what to expect. In an Aug. 22 e-mail, he described what it was like to live in the Middle East.

"It is between 120 and 130 degrees here everyday," Hargreaves said. "Plus, in Qatar, the humidity is horrible because we're just miles from the Gulf."

Hargreaves served for two months on an airbase in Tabuk, Saudi Arabia, starting in March. He then moved to an airbase in Al Udeid, Qatar, for two months before returning to the United States. Hargreaves served on flights going into and out of Iraq as a crew chief mechanic. When he found out he was to be sent overseas, Hargreaves had little time to think as he packed up his belongings.

"I just knew that I was going to have to leave everyone and everything I love for an unknown amount of time," Hargreaves said.

Fred Weixeldorfer, who is currently serving in Iraq, also spoke about having difficulty leaving all that he knew as home in a Sept. 12 e-mail. Weixeldorfer left for training on January 16, 2003. He arrived in Kuwait in March.

"Kuwait was a resort compared to Iraq, at least what little I saw of it," Weixeldorfer said. "The only real danger was the ever-imposing Iraqi Scuds shot at us almost hourly."

Weixeldorfer crossed the border into Iraq April 1. He was with a small group of soldiers that assisted the 3rd Infantry Division as they moved north through Iraq toward Baghdad.

"We ate (Meals Ready to Eat), we watched each other's back, we did the things that make soldiers what they are," Weixeldorfer said.

On April 14, Weixeldorfer and the 3rd Infantry Division entered Baghdad. Weixeldorfer said that day was one of the hardest he experienced throughout the conflict.

"The 3rd (Infantry Division) lost a lot of good men that day," he said. "It was terrible watching those men and myself go through what we did. I still can't believe it to this day."

Hargreaves struggled to describe his most difficult experience after he returned.

"We were doing medi-vacs out of Baghdad...seeing the injured troops," he said, trailing off.

"I don't like to see people fighting," Hargreaves said quietly.

Despite the hardships, both Hargreaves and Weixeldorfer said they are proud to serve their country. Hargreaves said it was rewarding to know that he was protecting his fellow soldiers.

"That's someone's mom or dad flying on my airplane," he explained. "They're counting on me to provide them with a safe flight."

Serving the Iraqi people was Weixeldorfer's biggest reward. He said felt most Americans didn't understand the good that they were doing for the Iraqi people.

"They don't see the tears in the Iraqis' eyes when we deliver them food, water and so on," Weixeldorfer said. "They don't see the little kids running up screaming 'USA, USA, USA.'"

Both soldiers said they felt that the military's role in Iraq was validated by the reactions of the Iraqi people. Hargreaves, however, supports the American's right to protest the war.

"That's what makes our country great," he said. "You don't have to support what the government is doing."

Weixeldorfer, however, said while

Americans can protest what the government is doing, they should never neglect the troops.

"No matter what the government does, you should always support the troops," Weixeldorfer said. "We are enduring things, well, I never ever dreamed I would be enduring or doing. We, in my opinion, are enduring things that the average American could not."



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After meeting up in Iraq, Alan Hargreaves and Fred Weixeldorfer pose together with the American flag. Hargreaves visited Weixeldorfer in Balud, Iraq, bringing him and his company much-welcomed staples like candy, beef jerky and pizza.

Training the Troops

A veteran in peacekeeping missions, Stephen Terry spent the summer training soldiers to be ready for anything in Iraq.

Stationed at Fort Bragg in North Carolina, Terry trained soldiers in the Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Commands.

"The biggest job in Iraq right now is winning the hearts of the Iraqi people," Terry said. "It's not just about guns."

Soldiers training with Terry practiced interacting with civilians, setting up civil military operations and surviving in mountainous and desert-like terrain. Terry covered the basics like staying hydrated, eating well, dealing with battle stress and sleeping in uncomfortable terrain.

Terry said to sleep comfortably in the desert, soldiers would have to dig a hole and line it with their trucks. The trucks and the hole protect soldiers from the wind.

"Iraq has severe windstorms," Terry said. "They can get up to 55 or 60 miles per hour. You get nothing but sand in your face."

The one thing Terry said he couldn't teach is how to deal with the death of a fellow soldier.

"That's really something that everybody learns in their own way," Terry said. "You just can't teach someone how to see another soldier hurting or in pain or dead."

War changes everyone involved, according to Terry. He said the moment you fire your gun your whole life has changed and you're a different person.

Interacting on a daily basis with soldiers gave Terry a unique insight into the war effort.

"I've spent time with soldiers up until the second they get on the plane," Terry said.

Morale of soldiers was as high as could be expected for men heading off to war. Terry said the last request of one 19-year-old before he left was a Big Mac and a strawberry shake.

Though Terry supports the America's right to protest, he said it can hurt the morale of the soldiers.

Soldiers give up their lives for the flag, Terry said. "If you're giving up your life for someone else's freedom and they're sitting in front of a building with signs saying they disagree with you, it makes you angry. It makes you sad to say, 'You gotta leave and try this.'"

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Catcher takes on leadership role

By DAN ZECH
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

As the Spoofohound softball team rolls through the early part of the season, depth and leadership have been key factors to their success.

The 'Hounds added another win last week in a close game vs. Lafayette. A loss to Omaha-Mercy gave the 'Hounds a disappointing third place finish at the Auburn Tournament, their second loss this year.

The 8-2 'Hounds will face Jefferson and Benton this week in hopes of continuing strong

play.

Coach Kathey Blackney says the depth of her team has been a luxury thus far this season, and has contributed to their success.

Leadership will be another major contributor to the 'Hounds run this season, and the 'Hounds senior catcher takes her job as a leader very seriously. Hallie Blackney is coming off a season last year that earned her 2nd team all-state honors.

Blackney excels defensively and offensively, but she says teamwork and leadership are her most important qualities. As one of the seasoned senior players,

Blackney has the opportunity to step-up into the leadership role this season.

"I've always wanted to be a leader on the team," Blackney said, "This year will definitely be a little different because other players look up to you as a senior."

Blackney also led by example with the game-winning RBI in last Thursday's game against Lafayette. Blackney is quick to credit her teammates though.

"It couldn't have been done without Kristin Degase getting on base," Blackney said.

Teamwork will be a factor as

the 'Hounds look for their third-straight Midland Empire Conference title, but Blackney says their team still has something to prove.

"A lot of teams in the conference are completely overlooking us and I think we can surprise them big-time," Blackney said.

With the leadership of players like Blackney, the 'Hounds may have what it takes to accomplish their goals for the season.

"We need to continue to work together, continue timely hitting, be aggressive at the plate and keep up good communication in the field," Blackney said.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Tennis signs transfer

Head tennis coach Mark Rosewell has announced the signing of Aaron Douglas.

Douglas transferred to Northwest this fall from William Jewell College. In high school, Douglas was one of the top six players in Missouri.

The sophomore is a second generation Bearcat. His father Ed Douglas also played at Northwest.

"I think Aaron has tremendous potential," Rosewell said. "He competed very well at Chillicothe High School. I look forward to having him as part of the program."

'Hounds fall to Savages

The Maryville tennis team fell to Savannah on this week 1-8. Picking up the lone win for the 'Hounds was No. 1 singles player Lauren Rusco.

The Junior Varsity squad came away with a 6-4 win.

'Hounds pass their way to shutout in Oak Grove

By COLE YOUNG
SPORTS EDITOR

Going into Friday night's game against Oak Grove, the Maryville football team was hoping for a repeat of last year's 33-6 drubbing of the Panthers.

They got that and a lot more.

The 'Hounds used a combination of air and ground forces to move their record to 2-0 with a 39-0 win.

Defensively, Maryville picked up right where they left off against Glenwood, holding Oak Grove to three-and-out on their first possession. From there, the 'Hounds rolled.

Led by a 30-yard run by Brant Gregg, Maryville moved down the field, converting on a fourth and one and capitalized with a 23-yard touchdown strike from Erick Auxier to Sydney Brisbane.

Still in the first quarter, the 'Hounds struck once more, again from the air. This time, Auxier hit



FILE PHOTO

Play action passes like the one Erick Auxier ran last week against Glenwood proved to be the demise of Oak Grove. Maryville won 39-0. Auxier was a perfect 8 for 8 with 126 yards passing. Maryville takes on St. Pius at home Friday.

Brisbane from 43 yards out.

"They put eight and nine guys in the box," head coach John Pelzer said. "We ran some play-action plays and that put our receivers in man-to-man coverage. We were 8-8

through the air and I think seven of those were play-actions."

The 'Hounds didn't do all their damage through the air though.

In the second quarter, Gregg rumbled in from five yards out to

give Maryville an 18-0 lead going into the break.

At the start of the second half, Maryville took the kickoff 54 yards to the 36 yard line of the Panthers. From there, the game was over.

On the next play, Bryce Buholt ran the ball in for the 36-yard score.

With just two plays done in the second half, Maryville had a 24-0 lead.

Later in the half, Gregg would get his chance at another touchdown scoring from 25 yards out.

It wasn't just the offense who was impressive on Friday, the 'Hounds defense continued its strong showing, not allowing Oak Grove to ever have a serious chance at scoring.

"The defense is a bunch of real go-getters," Pelzer said. "Several times I thought Oak Grove was going to have a big gain, our linebackers came in and made nice stops."

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Bearcats 23 Mavericks 6 WR Andre Rector goes without a catch ... The Bearcats have not lost to Mankato since 1995 ... 'Cats sack Ben King four times

Defense still not satisfied

By CLARK GRELL
DESIGN EDITOR

A defensive performance better than the one at South Dakota State last week is still not good enough for senior linebacker John Edmonds.

"I don't think we performed really well today," he said. "Maybe I'm being picky, but I don't think we are the defense we were last year."

Edmonds said he didn't think even he played well. He had 16 tackles, four for a loss and still he was not satisfied.

However, the second-to-last defensive series for Northwest showed flashbacks of last year's defense.

With 4:10 left in the game and Mankato up 16-10, the defense gave the 'Cat offense one last hope in preventing a 0-2 start to the season.

Tackles by senior Mike Nanninga, junior Mike Tiehen and freshman Kyle Kaiser and an incomplete pass by Mankato's Ben King left Northwest with 3:11 left to tie the game and the defense a sign of good things to come further down the season.

"That was real important," senior defensive end Justin Lacy said. "That was the team stepping up and taking



PHOTO BY BILL KNUST/EDITOR IN CHIEF
Freshman defensive back Jared Ruffin puts the stops on Mankato's Bobby Ruffin in the fourth quarter. Bobby Ruffin rushed for 174 yards on 41 carries, but only three yards on a key series late in the fourth quarter, which kept the Bearcats in the game.

care of business."

Not even injuries could keep the defensive unit down. Injuries to junior cornerbacks Gabriel Helms and Tony Glover and sophomore strong safety Kelly Williams, who was

knocked unconscious early in the third quarter, did not allow the Maverick offense to take control of the game.

"I felt like it was on everybody to take in upon themselves to do what we needed to do," Glover said. "I felt like we had a great week of preparation and we did what we needed to do."

The defense did a little more work than they might have expected Saturday. Mankato ran 84 plays compared to Northwest's 57 and had nearly a 13-minute advantage in time of possession.

"They had a balanced game," Lacy said. "It was their running game more than anything else that kept them in the game."

It seemed like Northwest was going to run away with the game early, scoring 10 points during the first half.

Then it was the offense struggling, and the defense having to keep the game in hand until the Northwest offense went to work in the final five minutes of the game.

"When the offense is down, we got to pick them up," Lacy said. "When the defense gets down, the offense needs to pick it up. It's not about individuals."

CATWATCH

Offense

WR JAMAICA RECTOR

12 catches for 129 yards two TDs and 101 return yards
Enough said.

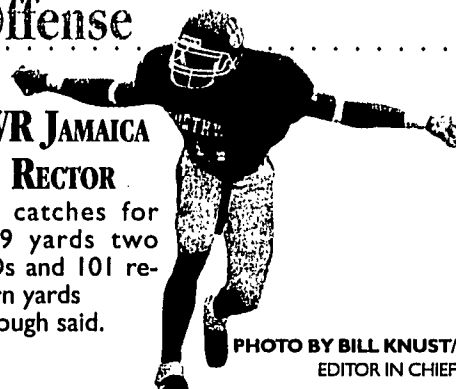


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Special Teams

K JAMIE MARTIN

He missed two field goals, and has head coach Mel Tjeerdsma re-evaluating the kicking game.

Defense

LB JOHN EDMONDS

The senior led the team in tackles with 16 and four of those were for a loss. Edmonds played a big part throughout the game getting key stops on Mankato running back Bobby Ruffin.

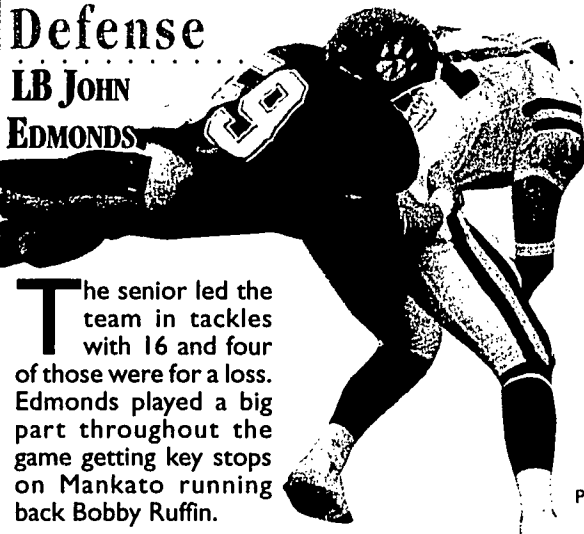


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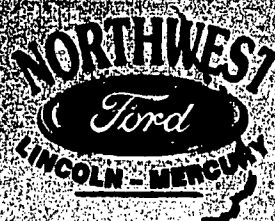
Spotlight Player

Jamaica Rector had 12 catches for 129 yards in the Bearcat's 23-16 win over Minnesota-Mankato.

Rector's 12th catch scored the game-winning touchdown.



Jamaica Rector



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Northwest average start from their 49 yard line... Northwest has three straight possessions with turnovers, then two TD's

Questions before kickoff

Answers after the final snap

1 How will T.J. Mandl react on the field after last week's defeat?

Mandl had his moments in the 23-16 victory. He threw a touchdown pass in the first quarter to Jamaica Rector. Down the stretch he threw two costly interceptions to stall Bearcat drives.

2 Can the defensive line put pressure on the Mav's QB?

The defensive line put pressure on the Mavs for most of the day and tallied four sacks on quarterback Ben King.

3 How will the 'Cats do rushing the football?

The 'Cats ran the ball 26 times for 125 yards on Saturday which is a good output for this team. Even better was there 4.8 yards per carry average.

4 Will WR Jamaica Rector be more involved in the offense this week?

Was he ever? The junior from Celeste, Texas, was involved from the second play of the game and never stopped until the clock read 00:00. He caught 12 balls for 129 yards and two touchdowns, including a highlight reel catch for the game-winning touchdown.

5 How much of QB Josh Lamberson will we see?

7:16 to be exact. And what a 7:16 it was. In that time he led two touchdown drives and accounted for 107 yards of offense rushing and passing.

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Lamberson gets his shot with offense

By COLE YOUNG
SPORTS EDITOR

All backup quarterback Josh Lamberson could ask for was a chance.

On Saturday, he got that chance. After battling for the starting spot throughout training camp, it appeared he and starting quarterback T.J. Mandl were going to split time as the teams no. 1 quarterback. In the season opener, however, Lamberson saw action merely as the backup.

Trailing 16-10, head coach Mel Tjeerdsma went to Lamberson to provide a spark for the Bearcats.

Lamberson provided just the spark Tjeerdsma was looking for.

"We needed to have a little injection of life," Tjeerdsma said. "Josh brought that."

On his first drive, Lamberson rushed for a total of 45 yards, but the drive stalled when running back Shon Wells fumbled on the 13-yard line.

After the defense provided a three and out, Lamberson was given another shot to showcase what he could do.

Up until yesterday's game, the only problem coaches found with the sophomore was his shaky passing arm. The next two plays for Lamberson quieted any of his detractors.

Lamberson threw two completions, one to Jamaica Rector for nine yards, the other to Adam Otte to tie the game at 16.

If there was any question whether Lamberson would move to the starting spot after that drive, he answered them when the Bearcats were given a final chance for the win with 1:26 left in the game.

Lamberson threw a touch pass to the corner of the end zone again to Rector to pick up the win.

Even after the strong showing, Tjeerdsma failed to give any sure indication who the starter would be.

"I thought T.J. played well," Tjeerdsma said. "We just needed a little spark."

The question remains whether the little spark will be cause for an offensive explosion next week against Central Missouri State University.



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Sophomore quarterback Josh Lamberson tries to stiff arm Mankato defender Jordan Malone during Saturday's victory. Lamberson picked up 36 yards on the play. Lamberson threw for two touchdowns in the fourth quarter in leading the Bearcats from behind to a 23-10 win.

GAME'S KEY MATCHUP

RUN DEFENSE STRUGGLES AGAINST RUFFIN

Going into yesterday's game, head coach Mel Tjeerdsma expected to see an aerial attack from the Minnesota State-Mankato offense.

Instead, his defense was faced with a running back that refused to be brought down.

Running back Bobby Ruffin ran 41 times for 161 total yards.

The Mavericks as a team ran for 46 times.

Many of Ruffin's long runs came when he ran to the left side of the offensive line. To the right side, he ran into a wall, better known as John Edmonds. Edmonds finished the game with 16 tackles.

Ruffin is just a glimpse of what Northwest will see next week when they face the duo of Keagan Coleman and Lee Thompson from Central Missouri State.



PHOTO BY MATT FRYE/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

Running back Bobby Ruffin gets brought down on one of his 46 rushing attempts against the Bearcats. Ruffin finished with 161 yards.



PHOTO BY BILL KNUST/EDITOR IN CHIEF

Senior wide receiver Adam Otte celebrates his game-tying touchdown catch with 2:27 to go in the game. The 26-yard touchdown was his longest catch of the day.

Offense finds spark

'Cats offense comes alive in last five minutes

By COLE YOUNG
SPORTS EDITOR

Yesterday, wide receiver Jamaica Rector looked a little more like the Rector Northwest fans expected to see in the season opener.

After being held to just two receptions against South Dakota State University, Rector came alive in the home opener, hauling in 12 passes for 129 yards and two touchdowns.

"Today was a little more of

what I was hoping," Rector said. "When I only touch the ball twice I am not a happy camper."

Rector's reception with 25 seconds left was the one Bearcat fans will be raving about.

With the score tied at 16-16, quarterback Josh Lamberson tossed what appeared to be an overthrown pass to the corner of the endzone. Rector proceeded to jump into the air and slam his foot to the ground before falling out of bounds, giving Northwest an eventual 23-16 win.

"Coach (Jim) Svoboda and I talked about it before I the drive that we were going to do that play" Lamberson said. "I haven't practiced it a lot with Jamaica, but I saw the pylon

and threw the ball. I saw it on replay and Jamaica made an awesome catch."

The catch capped a fourth quarter that saw Northwest score two touchdowns, both from Lamberson.

The two drives were a needed lift from an offense that struggled to show any life through much of the first three quarters.

On the Bearcats' first drive, they were able to drive down the field, but stalled out inside the Mankato five yard line, settling for a field goal.

The next time Northwest had possession, starting quarterback T.J. Mandl found Rector from 32 yards out to give the Bearcats a 10-0 lead.

Mankato then responded with 16 unanswered points to

give the Mavericks a 16-10 lead in the fourth quarter.

Unable to get any production, head coach Mel Tjeerdsma went to the sophomore Lamberson for answers.

After a fumble on the first drive, Lamberson found Adam Otte open in the end zone to tie the game at 16.

The linebacker on my side blitzed and I came open," Otte said. "Josh read it really good and threw it right in there before the safety could recover."

Up next for the Bearcats is the MIAA opener against Central Missouri State University at 1 p.m. at Rickenbrode Stadium.

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Northwest 23
Mankato 16

Scoring by quarter

Mankato	0	10	3	3	16
Northwest	10	0	0	13	23

First quarter

NW - Martin 21 yd. FG, 11:57
NW - Rector 32 yd. pass from Mandl (Martin kick), 6:24

Second quarter

MSU - Ziemke 2 yd pass from King (Caparoon kick), 14:44
MSU - Caparoon 41 yd FG, 3:26

Third quarter

MSU - Caparoon 32 yd FG, 1:34

Fourth quarter

MSU - Caparoon 22 yd FG, 11:18
NW - Otte 26 yd pass from Mandl (Kick blocked), 2:27
NW - Rector 16 yd pass from Lamberson (Martin kick), :25

Game stats

NW	Stat	MMS
18	First downs	20
303	Total yards	301
26	Rush attempts	46
125	Rushing yards	132
38	Pass attempts	38
17	Pass comp.	22
178	Passing yards	169
229	Return yards	68
3-38	Punt-avg.	9-31
1-1	Fumbles-lost	1-0
3-30	Penalties-yds.	8-73
4-28	Sacks by-yards	0-0
23:32	Time of Poss.	36:28

Individual stats

Passing: NW, Mandl 13-25-116-3-1, Lamberson 4-6-62-0-2; MSU, King 22-38-169-0-1

Rushing: NW, Wells 14-69, Lamberson 4-45, Herring 2-20; MSU, Ruffin 41-174, King 4-28

Receiving: NW, Rector 12-129-2, A. Otte 2-33-1; MSU, Sand 4-59, Krivoruchka 4-30, Steele 4-27, Ziemke 1-2-1

Other scores

Thursday
Central Mo. State 75, Langston 6

Saturday
Drake 28, Missouri Rolla 7
Winona State 30, South Dakota St. 27

By the Numbers

2:46

The amount of time it took Northwest to score their final two touchdowns of the game.

27

How many more plays Mankato State ran than Northwest.

107

Total number of yards Josh Lamberson accounted for passing and rushing in his 7:16 of play.

Schedule

Sept. 6	SDSU	L, 0-20
Sept. 13	Mankato	W, 23-16
Sept. 20	CMSU	1 p.m.
Sept. 27	Missouri-Rolla	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 4	Washburn	1 p.m.
Oct. 11	Emporia State	2 p.m.
Oct. 18	Missouri Southern	1 p.m.
Oct. 25	Missouri Western	1 p.m.
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The People's CHOICE

Sophomore quarterback Josh Lamberson comes into the game late and leads the Bearcats to a 23-16 comeback victory.

ROAD WARRIORS

'Hounds pound Panthers in Oak Grove, 39-0, story on page 8A

DEFENSE HOLDS

Bearcat 'D' clamps down in fourth quarter, story on page 9A